

REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
October 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thurman called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6pm.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Rev. William Gibson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Thurman, Mayor Pro Tem Currie, Council Members Miller, Murphy, Thurman, and Wease were present.

Staff Present: LaThaydra Sands, City Manager, Carnethia Pennamon, City Clerk, Isaac Nesler, Street and Facility Maintenance Director, and Robbie Colvin, Gas Superintendent

Media Present: Susan Jacobs, the Monticello News

4. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as stated made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

5. Consent Agenda to include:

a. Approval of Minutes:

- 1) September 12, 2023 – Work Session
- 2) September 12, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting
- 3) September 14, 2023 - Special Called Meeting

b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 45790 – 45913

Motion to approve the consent agenda: September 12, 2023, Work Session Minutes, September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2023, Special Called Meeting Minutes, and the Check Register for Check #'s 45790 – 45913 made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

6. Agenda Items

a. Second Reading and Adoption: Broadband Ready Designation Ordinance

b. Second Reading and Adoption: Flavored Vape and Hookah Ordinance

Motion to approve the second reading and adoption for the Broadband Ready Designation Ordinance and the Flavored Vape and Hookah Ordinance made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

c. Audit Update

City Manager Sands gave a brief audit update and presented the CKH Group presentation update.

7. Action Items

a. General Election Invoice Approval

Motion to approve the General Election Invoice in the amount of \$10,156.52 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

b. PreFab Home Moratorium Resolution – Council Member Murphy

Motion to pass a PreFab Home Moratorium Resolution for the next three months was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

c. SPLOST Balance Refund from General Fund: \$260, 386

Motion to use the Money Market Account in the total of \$260,386 repay SPLOST Balance made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

d. DDA Project – Lights in the Alley

Motion to table the DDA Project for the lights in the alley was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Miller. All in favor.

e. Business Garbage (Carts) Accounts – Mayor Pro Tem Currie

Motion to table the Business Garbage Carts made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

f. Steel Co Change Order #3 Request

Motion to approve the Steel Co Change Order #3 Request in the amount of \$28,300 for the additional grade work on site completed due to trash and bad soils made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

g. Steel Co Pay App #3

Motion to approve the Steel Co Pay App for \$464,852 as of September 30, 2023, made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

h. DDA Nomination: Erica Brown

Motion to approve Erica Brown to the DDA Board made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. Vote 3 – 2. Opposed by Council Members Miller and Wease.

i. Planning and Zoning Nomination: Zac Middleton

Motion to nominate Zac Middleton to the Planning and Zoning Board was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

8. Citizen Comments

The Citizens Comment section of the agenda allows citizens who sign up to address the City Council for not more than three (3) minutes on specific topics. The City Clerk will keep time. Please be courteous of the 3-minute time limit.

Wanda Cummings, 349 West Greene Street, stated the traffic on the square needs to be addressed by Georgia Department of Transportation because it's preventing people to shop. She also questioned if something could be done about handicap access and the trash on the square.

Stephanie Puckett, 228 Honeysuckle Road, questioned the direction of the lights in the alley and the council members responsibility with the city's audits, stated the citizens of Monticello pay for the lights on the square, and the PreFab Houses are not a bad thing.

Rev. Ricky Hammond, St. John C. M. E Church, introduce himself as the Pastor of St. John C.M.E Church, extended invitation to the Community Fellowship, and thanked the Mayor for speaking to his church.

9. City Manager Update

Waymon the draft for the wastewater plant permit and there are some changes that will need to take place, now having to measure the ammonia and phosphate levels. Carter and Sloope have been contacted to determine the cost-efficient solutions we have to move forward.

Comprehensive Plan submittal was not met due to the additional changes the County have.

Jackie confirmed DDA will be assisting the city with the Movie Night the night of Haunticello.

The city building is on track to be completed by the end of the month and the electric department hooked up electric to the building.

Isaac recently spoke with the president of the garden club regarding to the plants on the square. After the soil sample test was received back from UGA the soil needs to be replaced and the garden club will be able to assist and plant new plants between \$1000 - \$2000.

The grapple truck is scheduled for delivery at the end of the month.

10. Council Update

Council Member Miller stated she always questioned the city's audits to the city manager and thinks its awful we are not in compliance.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 6:53pm made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.